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Here is a ZENIT translation of part of the address Pope Francis gave today before and after praying the Angelus with those gathered in St. Peter's Square.

After reciting the Angelus prayer, the Pope said the following:

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Dear brothers and sisters,

Today in South Africa is proclaimed Blessed Samuel Benedict Daswa, a father of a family, killed in 1990 - almost 25 years ago - and was killed for his fidelity to the Gospel. In his life, he always showed consistency, courageously taking on Christian attitudes and refusing worldly and pagan customs. May his witness especially help families to spread the truth and charity of Christ, and may his witness, united with the witness of so many of our brothers and sisters - youth, elderly, boys and girls, children - all persecuted, kicked out, and killed for announcing Jesus Christ. To all these martyrs, to Samuel Benedict Daswa and to all of them, let us thank them for their witness and we ask that they intercede for us. I affectionately greet all of you, Romans and pilgrims from different countries: families, parish groups and associations.

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To all I wish a good Sunday. And please, do not forget to pray for me.

Have a good lunch and goodbye!

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